



COMMUNITY NEWS

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Water Safety and Drowning Prevention

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June 21st marks the beginning of summer. However, this has not prevented the temperature from topping 110 degrees already. So it's time for everyone to hit their backyard pools and the beautiful lakes Arizona has to offer. Families and friends will be swimming, boating, visiting water parks and heading off to their favorite vacation getaway. This is an appropriate time to discuss water safety and drowning prevention before the summer gets into full swing.

Too many times family members tell officers "I was only away for a few seconds." Unfortunately, just a few seconds is all it takes for a child to drown. Drowning is one of the leading causes of death for children under the age of four in Arizona. Many children drown in their backyard pools. Others drown or have "near drowning" incidents in spas, bathtubs, canals, ponds, lakes, toilets, and even buckets of water. A child can drown in as little as two inches of water. "Near drowning" tragedies can cause children to have permanent brain damage. Small children do not have the upper-body strength to lift themselves out of a dangerous water situation. With this in mind I would like to share a few water safety strategies you can utilize at home and on vacation.

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MESSAGE FROM COMMANDER DUGGAN



Our fourth operational goal, *enhancing traffic safety*, is a top priority for all District 3 personnel. In 2004, there were 17 traffic-related fatalities in the District. Nearly all the accidents were preventable and occurred because of driver inattention, recklessness or speed. As a result, we have placed an even higher priority on traffic safety this year focusing on both education and enforcement.

We are committed to making our roadways safe and have made a concerted effort to draw the community's attention to traffic safety. In addition to our prevention and education strategies, we also have spent additional time and energy enforcing traffic violations on our roadways. Since January, we have conducted numerous enforcement details utilizing District 3 officers, photo enforcement, motorcycle officers and multi-jurisdictional commercial vehicle inspectors. Collectively we are determined to enhance traffic safety in District 3.

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Fast Facts



There have been five traffic related fatalities in District 3 so far this year. Please remember to wear your seat belt, obey the posted speed limit and avoid distractions.



Water Safety (continued)

Pool Safety

- Know where your children are at all times.
- Always have a designated "child watcher."
- Never allow children to be alone near a pool or any water source.
- Use an approved fence/barrier to separate the pool from your house.
- Make sure pool gates are equipped with self-locking/self-latching features.
- Consider alarms and automatic interior door locks.
- Keep tables, chairs, boxes, ladders and toys away from pool fences.
- Place life-saving devices near your pool such as flotation devices, first aid kits, a "reaching pole" and a cordless telephone.
- Make sure your children know how to swim.
- Make sure you and anyone responsible for watching your child are CPR trained (including grandparents, older siblings, care givers and babysitters)

Water Safety While on Vacation

- Enforce the same safety rules you set at home.
- Never allow your children to swim unsupervised in a hotel/motel pool. Do not assume someone else is watching your child.
- Inspect the pool before you swim. Is there a lifeguard on duty?
Where is the rescue equipment? Do you know how to use it?
Does it work? Where is the telephone? Does it dial out of the hotel/motel? Is the water clean and clear?

The good news is water related incidents can be prevented. It is your responsibility to educate your children about water safety. Summer is the time for vacations, but we can never take a vacation from water safety. If you are interested in water safety classes contact the city's Aquatic program at (480) 312-POOL. For information on CPR classes call the Scottsdale Fire Department at (480) 312-3473. Have a fun and safe summer!

CRIME TREND

Residential Burglaries

One of our responsibilities in crime prevention is securing our residences, motor vehicles, and valuables. Often after a police officer responds to a burglary call he/she determines there are no signs of forced entry into the residence. Unfortunately, this trend has not changed. We are seeing an increase in burglaries from residential garages. There have been 34 burglaries from garages from March 1 to May 18 in District 3. Twenty-seven out of the 34 (79%) burglaries have been through an open garage door or showed no signs of forced entry. Please remember to secure your residence including your garage doors. If you notice your neighbor's garage door has been left open take the time to call or walk over to their residence to inform them. This is another example of what you can do to prevent yourself or a neighbor from being a victim of a crime.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FREE Concert Series May 8-July 10
McCormick-Stillman Railroad Park offers its free Concert Series Sunday evenings 7:30-9:00p.m. Call (480) 312-2312 for further information.

Wet 'n Wild Water Day- June 17
Kids can cool down and participate in outrageous activities including sandcastle building, sponge wars and unique relays at Wet 'n Wild Water Day 11:00a.m. to 3:00p.m. This year's event will be at Chaparral Pool, 5401 N. Hayden Road. Admission is \$1.00 for children; \$2.00 for adults. Call (480) 312-2771 for details.

Independence Day July 4
City offices will be closed Monday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day. Trash collection will continue as scheduled.

Mighty Mud Mania July 29
Celebrate 30 years of Mighty Mud Mania- Scottsdale's messiest, mushiest, mud-filled event for kids one through 13. The event runs from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00p.m. at Chaparral Park, 5401 N. Hayden Road. Admission to the event is free. Call (480) 312-2704 for all the dirty details.

High Risk of Brush Fire this Year

The Scottsdale Fire Department is advising residents to protect their property against a potential brush fire. Some Scottsdale areas are prime for fast-moving wild land fires. You can schedule a free brush safety inspection by calling the **Scottsdale Fire Department at 480-312-FIRE (3473)**.